

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-48, 50, 52, 70-73, 75-87, 89, and 91-108 were presented for examination. Claims 1, 17-19, 21, 38, and 91 have been amended. Claim 109 has been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 21, 38, and 91 are independent.

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss this application. At the Examiner's request, Applicants submit the amendments listed above to correct an inappropriately entered Examiner's amendment and to place the amended claims in the condition these claims were in at the time of the Applicants' Response filed on June 24, 2009.

Applicants submit that the amended claims are allowable and that no additional search or examination is needed because the amendments of June 24, 2009, were made to put the claims in condition for allowance per the Examiner's suggestion during the Examiner interview of June 23, 2009. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's amendment of October 21, 2009, was in error and that Applicants are not introducing amendments that were not previously presented. No questions regarding new matter, sufficiency of disclosure, or undue multiplicity of claims arise because the specification provides sufficient disclosure and support for the amended claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments and urge the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicants believe that the fee required by MPEP § 607 and § 714.16(c) for one additional, dependent claim (\$52) is now due and is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Please charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721, under Order No. 2008311-0001.

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